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THE *Brigadier* represents, that on the Day of the Battle, being the 30th of *April*, O. S. His Royal Highness sent for him early in the Morning, and told him he was to attack *Six Pieces* of the Enemy's Cannon situated in the Wood, and that Capt. *Forbes*, Aide de Campe to Lieutenant-General *Campbell*, would shew him the Place, who carried him to the Orchard where the *Highlanders* were posted, and shew'd him the *Wood*; some of the *Officers* of the *Highlanders* informed him, that the Enemy had Cannon at the Point of it. On the *Brigadier*'s Return, he acquainted the DUKE, he had been shewn the Place, *not* thinking it was *possible*, for the Person, that was sent on that Purpose, to *mistake* His Royal Highness's Intentions.

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The *Brigadier* alſo told his Major of Brigade what was to be done.

The DUKE further order'd the *Brigadier*, if he took the Cannon, to *turn* them upon the Enemy; if he could not *turn* them, to *nail* them; for which Purpoſe, ſome Gunners were order'd, and Four Battalions, *viz. Duroure*'s, *Pulteney*'s, Lord *Semple*'s, and a *Hanoverian* Regiment; which latter he was to take off from a Poſt that lay at ſome Diſtance from the Road, and oblig'd the *Brigadier* to *halt* till that Regiment *join'd* him.

In Obedience to the above Orders, the *Brigadier* marched beyond the *Village* into a hollow Way, where he *halted*, within a hundred Yards of the Wood, in order to reconnoitre; and from the Banks of which he obſerved, that the Enemy had a ſtrong Detachment in the Wood, and at that Juncture were marching ſeveral Parties towards it; particularly one which lay down flat in the Corn, about Forty Yards from the Flank of the Wood, and others which marched and joined ſome Squadrons on the Hill, near it.

The *Brigadier* finding the Enemy thus advantagiouſly ſituated, ſent Major *Bernard* to the DUKE, to acquaint His Royal Highneſs, that he thought *ſome Pieces* of Cannon, would abſolutely be requiſite to flank the Enemy, whilſt he *march'd* to the *Attack*, which the DUKE readily comply'd with, and immediately ordered *Three* Six Pounders.

Soon after the *Brigadier* ſent Capt. *Crawford* of Major-General *Pulteney*'s Regiment, to acquaint the DUKE with what he had obſerv'd, during which time the *Brigadier* call'd the Commanding-Officers together, acquainted them what he was *to do*, and conſulted with them the propereſt way to *attack*; it was reſolved to *draw up* upon *the Right*

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of the hollow Way, where there appear'd *no Difficulty* to hinder our March, and likewiſe having it in our Power to *flank* the Enemy as we *marched*.

When the *Brigadier* was putting this Diſpoſition in Execution, Capt. *Crawford* return'd and immediately after the DUKE *came up*. The *Brigadier* then acquainted His Royal Highneſs with the Obſervations he had made, the Cannon being then *arrived*, and on the *left* of the hollow Way.

His Royal Highneſs then *order'd* the *Brigadier* to form on the *left* of the hollow Way, the Cannon to advance and fire, and the Battalions to march and ſupport them. And *further ordered* the *Brigadier* to keep in a *direct Line* with that *Part* of the *Army*, that was *on the Left*, which Orders were immediately *executed*.

The *Brigadier* apprehends as His Royal Highneſs *alter'd* his Diſpoſition, and gave him *freſh* Orders, which Orders were *punctually obey'd*, that he cannot be liable to a *Cenſure* for *Diſobedience of Orders*.

His Royal Highneſs ſome time after return'd, and order'd Lord *Semple*'s Regiment to the *Attack* of the *Village*, which was the whole Day afterwards *ſeparated* from the *Brigadier*'s Command.

Whilſt the *Brigadier* was *marching* at the Head of *Duroure*'s Regiment, in Purſuance to the DUKE's *laſt Orders*, he receiv'd a Meſſage from General *Ligonier* by his *Aide de Campe* Capt. *Amhurſt*, enquiring the reaſon why he had *not attack'd* according to the Orders given *early* in the Morning; the *Brigadier* anſwer'd, that His Royal Highneſs *had ſince* ordered him to *march* and keep in a *Line* with the *Left* of the Army.

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Some Time after the *Brigadier* ſtill marching at the Head of *Durour's* Regiment, Capt. *Napier* acquainted him, that Major General *Zaſtrow* was to command that *Part* of the *Line*, but the *Brigadier* never receiv'd *any Orders from him*, neither did he *ſee him*.

The *Brigadier* continued at the Head of *Durour's* Regiment, within a Hundred and fifty Paces of a Redoubt, from which he was expoſed to a continual Fire, from the Beginning of the Action, which the Loſs of that Regiment will make *appear*, and in the Attack the *Brigadier* had the Misfortune to receive a *Wound*, which oblig'd him to be carried off.

RICHARD INGOLDSBY.

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